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## § 370.7 Agency response to requests.

- (a) The response to requests for information and to appeals shall be made in accordance with the Department regulations in §1.5 of this title and the regulations in this part.
- (b) Requests for records and information which have customarily been directed to field stations and agency headquarters may continue to be directed to those locations, notwithstanding the provisions of these regulations. If the information is not available at the location at which the request is made, or the official receiving the request is in doubt as to whether the information should be released, the official shall (1) promptly forward the request to the FOIA Coordinator, or (2) inform the requester of the procedures established in these regulations by which the request may be sent directly to the FOIA Coordinator. The date of receipt of the request by the Coordinator shall be the determining date for purposes of the time limitations under the Freedom of Information Act and the regulations.

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## § 371.1 General statement.

- (a) The creation of APHIS. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) was created by the Secretary of Agriculture on April 2, 1972 (37 FR 6327, March 28, 1972).
- (b) *Central offices.* APHIS is headquartered in Washington, DC, and Riverdale, MD. The APHIS Management Team at these locations consists of the following:

Administrator

Associate Administrator

Deputy Administrator, Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ)

Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services (VS)

Deputy Administrator, Marketing and Regulatory Programs Business Services (MRPBS)

Deputy Administrator, Wildlife Services (WS)

Deputy Administrator, Animal Care (AC)
Deputy Administrator, International Services (IS)

Director, Policy and Program Development (PPD)

Director, Legislative and Public Affairs (LPA)

(c) Field organization. AC, MRPBS, PPQ, VS, and WS all have field offices located throughout the United States. IS has field offices located throughout the world. A list of APHIS' field offices with addresses and telephone numbers is in the blue pages of local telephone books.

## § 371.2 The Office of the Administrator.

- (a) *The Administrator.* (1) The Administrator of APHIS formulates, directs, and supervises the execution of APHIS policies, programs, and activities.
- (2) The Administrator is authorized to take any action authorized by law and deemed necessary to carry out APHIS functions. Delegations of authority by the Administrator and provisions for redelegations of authority are stated in §371.11.
- (b) The Associate Administrator. The Associate Administrator of APHIS shares responsibility with the Administrator for general direction and supervision of APHIS programs and activities. The Associate Administrator may act for the Administrator.